Docket No.: 081862.P072 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE _In Re Application of: Examiner: A. Hsu David. A. Hughes et al. Group 2700 Art Unit: 2738 Application No.: 08/825,492 TC 2000 MAIL ROOM Filed: March 28, 1997 For: SCHEME FOR MERGING PARTIALLY FILLED ATM CELLS APPEAL BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS' APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: This brief is submitted in triplicate in support of this appeal from a final decision of the Examiner, mailed February 28, 2000, and a subsequent Advisory Action dated June 6, 2000.

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